

Marine Region Program Descriptions and Key Measurable (Planned) Objectives

Program: Fisheries Management: State Managed Species

The Fisheries Management: State Managed Species program focuses on the ongoing data analysis, data collection, report preparation, and management recommendation processes for marine finfish and invertebrate species managed solely by the State of California. This program's scope includes commercial fishing, recreational fishing, and marine hatchery/aquaculture operations. Projects within the program focus on various species groups and/or habitats primarily found within State waters. This includes Bay and estuarine habitats, invertebrate species, and finfish species. The program also includes a function to review and analyze existing fisheries for potential management changes.

Project: Invertebrate Management

The Invertebrate Management project includes staff directed towards the management of important commercial and recreational marine invertebrate fisheries occurring primarily in the nearshore environment. The project is also responsible for implementation of the Abalone Recovery and Management Plan (ARMP).

Budgeted Resources Dedicated to the Project: This project includes 11 positions and a Personal Services budget of \$801,222.

Key Measurable (Planned) Objectives for FY 2006-07: In FY 2006-07, the Invertebrate Management project will focus on management of the spiny lobster commercial and recreational fisheries, north coast recreational abalone fishery, and commercial sea urchin fishery. The project will also help to develop potential options for the reopening of an abalone fishery at San Miguel Island. Additionally, the project will review and prioritize other invertebrate fisheries for management changes.

- Re-prioritize invertebrate species in need of management plans within the Master Plan for Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) prepared pursuant to the Marine Life Management Act (MLMA).
- New staff will focus on planning for a recreational lobster fishery survey to determine level of recreational catch by gear type and mode.
- Manage the north coast recreational abalone fishery
 - Monitor abalone punch card data
- Manage commercial and recreational dungeness crab fisheries
- Coordinate domoic acid testing in pre-season dungeness crab
- Manage commercial sea urchin fishery
- Collect urchin samples from offloading urchin boats

- Monitor sea cucumber fishery logbook data
- Plan potential San Miguel Island Abalone fishery
- Participate in and coordinate Abalone Fishery Advisory Group

Key Measurable (Planned) Objectives for FY 2007-08: In FY 2007-08 the project will shift its focus to management of priority species identified in the past fiscal year, implement any decisions made regarding the potential San Miguel Island abalone fishery, and move forward with recommended management changes in the spiny lobster fisheries.

- Begin preparing data and analyses necessary to prepare new FMPs based on priority list developed in 2006-07
- Implement new recreational lobster fishery survey
- Conduct regulatory process for lobster fishery changes if needed
- Implement San Miguel Island Abalone fishery management plan if advised
- Continue management of sea urchin and sea cucumber fisheries
- Continue management of north coast recreational abalone fishery